



STATE OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

KATIE HOBBS
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

The Honorable Warren Petersen
President of the Senate
1700 W. Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007

The Honorable Ben Toma
Speaker of the House
1700 W. Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007

President Petersen and Speaker Toma,

As you know, I have vetoed the partisan budget package sent to my desk this week. Now that we have each presented our vision for the state budget, it's time to come together to address the nearly two billion dollar gulf between them. A quick glance at the bills moving through the legislature shows that the Republican Caucuses intend to spend much more than the amount appropriated in the Republican budget package. From hundreds of millions of dollars in meritorious infrastructure projects to hundreds of millions of dollars to pay for a tax cut for landlords, it's clear that those who are advocating for a "skinny" budget want to spend significant amounts of money outside of the budget process.

Because of this, it's more important than ever that we begin the process of budget negotiations. OSPB will reach out to each of your offices and those of your Democratic counterparts to schedule a meeting to discuss a regular, ongoing process to negotiate a bipartisan budget before the end of the fiscal year. The best way to ensure a budget is finalized before July 1st is to begin negotiations now. I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Katie Hobbs
Governor
State of Arizona

Cc:

Senator Raquel Terán

Representative Andrés Cano

Senator John Kavanagh

Representative David Livingston